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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 138 (a) appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/50/850 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item further at its 49th, 50th and 55th meetings, on 27 and 28 March and 4 April 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.49, 50 and 55).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Auditors on the audit of the support account for peace-keeping operations for the period ending on 30 September 1995 (A/50/874 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations (A/50/876);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the support account for peace-keeping operations (A/50/897).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.42

4. At the 55th meeting, on 4 April, the Rapporteur introduced a draft resolution entitled "Support account for peace-keeping operations" (A/C.5/50/L.42).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.42 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Support account for peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A, B and C of 23 December 1993 and 5 April and 29 July 1994, respectively, and 49/250 of 20 July 1995 and decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Board of Auditors on the audit of the support account for peace-keeping operations for the period ended 30 September 1995, 1/ the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations 2/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/ and the views expressed by Member States,

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report submitted by the Board of Auditors on its audit of the support account for peace-keeping operations; 1/

2. Also takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

1/ A/50/874 and Corr.1.

2/ A/50/876.

3/ A/50/897.

3. Decides, pending its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ at the second part of its resumed session, in May 1996:

(a) To authorize the extension until 30 June 1996 of the 61 temporary posts previously authorized in paragraph 12 of its resolution 49/250;

(b) To authorize the amounts of 50,000 United States dollars for general temporary assistance, 40,000 dollars for overtime, 60,000 dollars for travel, 189,500 dollars for training and 660,100 dollars for common services until 30 June 1996, to be financed on the basis of the current funding methodology and formula;

4. Also decides to revert to the proposals of the Secretary-General for the support account for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 at the second part of its resumed session, in May 1996;

5. Requests the Secretary-General in this regard to address the issues contained in the report of the Advisory Committee; 3/

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all submissions relating to the backstopping at Headquarters of peace-keeping operations be presented in the context of the report on the support account;

7. Recognizes the temporary nature of support account posts and decides in this regard that measures introduced by the Secretary-General in connection with the regular budget shall not be extended to those posts;

8. Requests the Board of Auditors to keep under review the issue of the role and use of extrabudgetary resources, including the use of personnel loaned by departments and offices at Headquarters supporting peace-keeping operations and to report to the General Assembly thereon as appropriate;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to present in each report on the support account information on the use of trust funds, including the scope of activities financed by them;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed on the establishment of trust funds as well as on the possibilities for their use.

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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV)

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 138 (a) appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/50/850 and Add.1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item further at its 47th, 48th and 55th meetings, on 20 and 26 March and 4 April 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.47, 48 and 55).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits (A/49/906);

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on death and disability benefits (A/50/684);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/50/807);

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(d) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for continget-owned equipment (A/50/887);

(e) Report of the Phase II Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-owned Equipment (A/C.5/49/66);

(f) Report of the Phase III Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-owned Equipment (A/C.5/49/70).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.40

4. At the 55th meeting, on 4 April, the Rapporteur, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment" (A/C.5/50/L.40).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.40 without a vote (see para. 8, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.44

6. At the 55th meeting, on 4 April, the Rapporteur, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Death and disability benefits" (A/C.5/50/L.44).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.44 without a vote (see para. 8, draft resolution II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Working Groups on Contingent-owned Equipment, established pursuant to its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 1/

1/ A/C.5/49/66 and A/C.5/49/70.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Working Groups on Contingent-owned Equipment on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Decides to endorse the proposal concerning loss or damage to contingent-owned equipment, other than loss or damage to major equipment due to hostile action or forced abandonment, as presented in paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 3/

3. Also decides that the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment shall be in place as from 1 July 1996 on the basis of the recommendations contained in paragraph 51 of the report of the Phase III Working Group 4/ and paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

4. Further decides to review the operation of the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment at its fifty-second session;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in this regard, to submit, for its consideration, a report on the first full year of implementation of the reformed procedures;

6. Decides that the above-mentioned review and report shall pertain to all elements of the reformed procedures, in particular to those elements of the recommendations of the Working Groups that were not specifically endorsed by the Secretary-General in his report, 2/ and decides to request the Secretary-General in this regard to include in the above-mentioned report comparative data on the differences between the adopted system and other proposals contained in the reports of the Secretary-General 2/ and the Advisory Committee; 3/

7. Requests the Secretary-General to inform all Member States, by 30 May 1996, of the establishment of the new procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment.

2/ A/50/807.

3/ A/50/887.

4/ A/C.5/49/70.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Death and disability benefits

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 5/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 6/

Expressing deep concern at the delay in the settlement of claims in respect of death and disability,

Taking note of the views expressed by Member States,

1. Reiterates the decision, contained in section III, paragraph 1, of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, that underlying any system of compensation for death and disability should be the need for:

(a) Equal treatment of Member States;

(b) Compensation to the beneficiary that is not lower than reimbursement by the United Nations;

(c) Simplification of administrative arrangements to the extent possible;

(d) Speedy settlement of claims for death and disability;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine also the possibility of an insurance scheme to cover all troops, on the basis of a request for proposals from the global insurance market;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to present the results of the above-mentioned action, and to respond to issues raised in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 6/ by 15 July 1996 for the consideration of the General Assembly, through the Committee.

5/ A/49/906.

6/ A/50/684.